

REMARKS

Overview

Claims 32-37 are pending in this application. Claims 22-25 have been cancelled. Claims 32, 34 and 36 have been amended. The present response is an earnest effort to place all claims in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 22-25 and 32-37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over GB2242203. Claims 22-25 have been cancelled, thereby mooting those rejections. The remaining independent claims, claim 32, claim 34, and claim 36 have been amended, thereby mooting those rejections. Nevertheless, to assist in examination of the present claims, differences between GB2242203 and the claimed invention are provided.

It is observed that GB2242203 is directed towards an electrocatalytic material comprised of an alloy of platinum with another element and supported on a conductive carbon support (Abstract). GB2242203 describes use of its material in the oxygen reduction electrode of an acid electrolyte fuel cell (page 9). GB2242203 does not describe the problems of using nickel in an air firing ceramic system in the capacitor industry or other electrical component.

With respect to claim 32, claim 32 requires "an air-fireable end termination element for an electronic component having a ceramic substrate." Claim 32 further requires that the Ni and Pt alloyed product is "deposited onto a ceramic substrate of the electronic component." These limitations are not disclosed in GB2242203. Moreover, GB2242203 uses a platinum alloy as a coating of an electrode of a fuel cell. In a fuel cell, the fuel is oxidized at a electrode. Here, the

use of platinum is specifically to prevent oxidation of nickel. This is a significant different use for a different reason and thus differences of GB2242203 with respect to the structure are significantly different. Thus, the objections to claim 32 must be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 34, claim 34 explicitly recites "a capacitor comprising an air-fireable conductor plate." GB2242203 does not disclose an air-fireable conductor plate. GB2242203 does not disclose using its alloy or a capacitor. Therefore this rejection to claim 34 must be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 36, claim 36 requires "an electronic component comprising a thick film screen printable air fireable conductor material." GB2242203 does not disclose such a device. GB2242203 does not, for example disclose using a thick film material or a part of an electronic component.

Therefore for all these reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in proper form for immediate allowance. Should the Examiner not find all claims in proper form for immediate allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss appropriate limitations.

Conclusion

This amendment accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant is a large entity; therefore, please charge Deposit Account 26-0084 the amount of \$790.00 to cover the costs associated with the filing of this RCE. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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